

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## APWU SUPPORTS NATIONWIDE VOTE-BY-MAIL

Currently, only eight states have adopted automatic mail-in voting to registered voters and fifteen states require an excuse to request an absentee ballot. It is time to eliminate hurdles to exercising our constitutional right to vote and expand access to vote-by-mail to all Americans.

### THE VOTE AT HOME ACT (H.R. 1439, S.700)

*Lead Cosponsors: Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)  
and Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-03)*

This bill, introduced in the House and Senate on March 8, 2023, would allow every registered voter to receive a ballot via USPS. More specifically, it would:

- Require that all registered voters automatically receive their ballot in the mail prior to Election Day
  - Voters can return these using prepaid postage or drop boxes
- Require states register all citizens to vote who are already at the DMV
- Grant USPS funds to cover election mail costs
  - Less demand on polling places could result in reduced costs for states and shorter wait times

Americans will still be able to vote in person if they choose, but if this bill became law, they would have the option to vote from the comfort of their own home.

It is not always easy to make the time to go vote, especially for working families. Voting at home means less time at the polling place and more time to make

informed decisions about your vote.

This bill seeks to expand access to the ballot box for all, especially those with disabilities who may not be able to safely leave their home to vote.

Automatic voter registration will result in fewer voters being denied their right due to voter role purges or a missed registration window.

The 2022 elections illustrated the accessibility and security of vote-by-mail measures as approximately 35% of voters utilized this method and 99.8% of ballots were delivered from homes to election officials within just five days.

We must embrace vote-by-mail and ensure everyone can cast their ballot safely.

